against injustice, and devotion to the cause of the oppressed.[1] Both Islam and Hinduism contain magnificent things; these should not be lost. They have created art and literature and made a people of infinite variety and great charm. India is drawing out of her treasures things new and old, but what will be decisive will be her attitude to the root question of human personality and the needs of the masses. Religious groups, like other social isolates, have tended to survive rather on the basis of hate and fear than of love. Professor Berdyaev has pointed out (in his *Destiny of Man)* that religious sects tend to suffer from a conventional falsity and rhetoric. "When a lie acquires the character of a social symbol it is always regarded as good.[35] This is only too true in India, as it is elsewhere. Berdyaev adds that such social lies are to be found not only in religious denominations, but in political parties and scientific and artistic coteries. Group conventions can paralyse the goodwill of individuals and make them blind conformists. What is true of caste is also true of class and race. Socialism dreams and works for a classless society; this is the end of true religion also, but for such a work a great dynamic force is needed to break through the bonds of group as well as individual egoism. It is only such religion that can be of relevance in India to-day. Anything less will merely divide and be scrapped.

[1] There is a passion and thirst for God in India which cannot be denied. Each year the great places of pilgrimage, such as Hardwar or Benares, are filled with ardent pilgrims. But how deep is this passion, and can it be diverted into channels which not only give fulfilment of a spiritual quest, but also are a dynamic for social regeneration? Some of the finest souls I have met in India feel bitterly that religion has destroyed initiative and led to fatalism. Russia was once called "Holy Russia" and produced innumerable pilgrims. Gandhi has tried to harness religion to social reform, but how far he has succeeded one cannot tell. It would be a lx>ld man who would dare prophesy the future of religion in India.